

Common reasons and answers for not registering or voting

Reason	Possible response
My vote doesn't make a difference	Your vote could be the very one that makes a difference, especially in low turn out elections. There have been many times that one or a very few votes made the difference.
I've never gotten around to it	It only takes a couple of minutes. Here is a registration form. Do you need a ride to the polls?
I don't know how or where to register.	You can register by mail. Just fill out this form and put it in the mail. I will help you.
I don't want to be called for jury duty.	Voter registration is not the only way they pick people for jury duty. They also use driver's license lists – and no one says they don't want to drive to avoid jury duty.
I'm disgusted with politics and politicians.	If you don't vote, you can't complain. Or Then change it! You have the power to change the situation. If you don't vote, it will never change. Or Politicians make decisions every day that affect your life. Wouldn't you like to have some control over those decisions?
I can't get a ride to the polls.	We can give you a ride on election day.
I don't know enough about the issues or the candidates to make a decision.	What do you want to know? We can help get you information on the candidates' views on issues. Local newspapers often have summaries of the issues and candidate positions for election day. Call the candidates' campaign offices and ask where they stand on the issues you care about. You don't need a lot of information, just ask your questions.
I didn't know I can vote.	If you are a US citizen, over age 18 on election day, and are not now incarcerated, you can vote.
I don't pay any attention to politics; it has nothing to do with me.	The decisions politicians make affect you and your family every day – the quality of schools, the air you breathe, your health care, etc.
My husband takes care of that.	Your husband's vote is very important, but so is yours. If you both vote, you've doubled your voice.